

NANOOSE BAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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*"At Nanoose Bay Elementary, students, parents and staff
are inspired with a passion for learning."*

NBES School Goals

Literacy – To improve reading comprehension & writing | Social Responsibility – To develop active citizenship

NEW PLAYGROUND INSTALLATION: Tuesday, October 6 (see below)

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE IN OUR GYM Monday, October 5th at 9:00 A.M.

OPEN HOUSE/FAMILY DANCE: Mon, Oct. 5th 5:00 to 6:00; Family Dance 6:00 to 7:30

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES : Please phone Mrs. Barnatt in the office between 8:00 to 2:30 to book your appointment(s) starting Monday

PHOTO DAY: **** PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE ****

PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

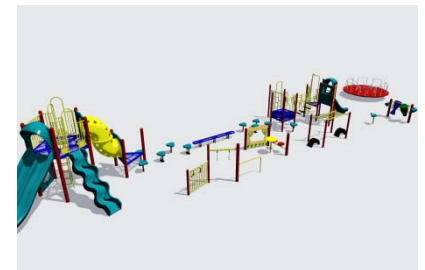


PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION ~ ROUND TWO ~ COME BUILD WITH US!

TUESDAY Oct. 6th, 8 am - ALL DAY. (Evening: see below.) WEDNESDAY, Oct. 7th 9 am onwards.

PLEASE PASS THE WORD, ask neighbors, remind friends - the more, the merrier!

Despite a few dedicated folks' efforts - thank you! - the first attempt at installing the playground failed due to lack of participation. Let's make it work this time! YOU ARE NEEDED this coming TUESDAY Oct. 6th. It is most valuable if you can be on site at 8 AM when the installers arrive: We aim to erect all of the equipment as quickly as we can so that concrete can be poured by 3pm the same day. Wednesday will require surfacing and finishing work. If you cannot come early or for a whole day, just COME: whenever you can!



EVERYBODY is welcome: There is a full range of light to heavy-duty tasks. After school, capable older siblings and light-duty parents can assist both with installation and supervising parents' children while they continue work.

Tuesday eve/night: CONCRETE MUST CURE. The toys will be soooo tempting. Please watch out for "playspace invaders" if you drive by. Can't help during the day? There has been petty vandalism in the area. Anybody who can MAINTAIN A PRESENCE into the evening, please contact us - or simply hang out there, walk dogs, and use the Adventure Playground. Weather should be good: Anybody for a dinner picnic or even a camp-out???

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP!

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SCHOOL DISTRICT 69 (QUALICUM)

BEAR ALERT

We have received the following information:
A bear was sighted at approximately 8:00 a.m.
Friday, October 02, 2009

near the lower field at Nanoose Bay Elementary School

***If you distribute this information to your school community,
please ensure that you include the location and date of the sighting***

Any further sightings should be reported to
the Conservation Office at 1-800-663-9453

as well as to the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

Please advise students to use caution in the above-noted area



SIDEWALK SAFETY

We are asking parents and students to use the main sidewalk in the mornings for safety reasons, rather than cutting across the turn around. We are always concerned about pedestrian safety and it is important to model the rules of the road for our students. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Parents are asked respect our **NO PARKING IN THE TURN AROUND RULE**. If the parking stalls are all full, as they usually are at peak times, PLEASE park on the street. Kindergarten parents must come to the front door of the school to pick up their child directly from the teacher. Because of the shortage of parking spots **FOR THIS BRIEF 10 MINUTE PICKUP TIME ONLY (10:35-10:45)** kindergarten parents may park in the "buses only" parking lot in order to pick up their children. The bus parking lot is **ABSOLUTELY- NO EXCEPTIONS- CLOSED FOR THE REST OF THE DAY INCLUDING BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL**. If parents have other business at school we ask that you park in a parking stall or on the street. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe.



THE BOOKFAIR IS COMING ~ The week of October 26th to 30th

Our Annual Scholastic Book Fair will soon be here. This is a great way to pick up some extra reading material for your child and the NBES school library benefits greatly. We have planned for the fair to coincide with the week of parent conferences. The book fair will be held during the week of October 26th to 30th (specific times and dates to be announced) Volunteers are needed to help with sales during these times. Volunteers will also be needed on to help set up ahead of time. Please contact Tandy Gunn (librarian), Lisa Drury (library clerk), leave a message with the school secretary, or send a note to school, if and when you are able to help out.

We rely on volunteers to make this special event happen!



Cultural Performance – Monday October 5th, 9:00am



Our school will be having a cultural performance on Monday, Oct 5th @ 9:00 am in our gym. **“Gauche, The Cellist”** – a short story written in the 1920’s by the well-known Japanese poet and author Kenji Miyazawa and it will be presented as a multi-disciplinary (narration, mime, dance and music) performance by the troupe called “The Pastoral Players”. Parents are welcome. Special thanks to Jim Powell and our District Cultural Fund for sponsoring this event.

DON'T MISS OUR OPEN HOUSE – FAMILY DANCE - Monday, October 5th

We invite everyone to our ‘Open House’ which will run from **5:00 to 6:00 pm** on Monday, Please join us for food, meet your child’s teacher (and see their classroom) and enjoy the company of parents, students and staff in our school community. Hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. This will give parents a chance to meet our staff and catch up with other families after the summer!

‘Shakewood Annie’ Family Dance, Monday, October 5th

This year as part of our ‘Open House—Meet the Teacher Night’ we are pleased to announce that **‘Shakewood Annie’**, two renowned entertainers from Enderby who specialize in family dances, will be here at NBES to help launch our new school year! Our Open House will run from 5:00 to 6:00 and then ‘Shakewood Annie’ will fire up in the gym and encourage kids and folks of all ages to **‘get up and have some fun!’** (6:00 to 7:30) **Shakewood Annie were here two years ago and they have a great show!**

PAC NEWS PAC NEWS

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THE DANCE!

The following is a list of what is needed for Monday evening. Please email Leah Carlos as soon as possible if you can help (leahcarlos@shawa.ca) . We need your help to make this a success.

As Shakewood Annie are the main entertainers, once everything is set up there is very little to help with ~ 30 minutes from each parent is all we need.

Setup:

Three parents to decorate the gymnasium, very basic, table set up, white Christmas lights strung on the walls by the stage (we have 2 already).

Two assistants are needed for 10 minutes to help move equipment before the event (someone who can lift)

Two parents needed for 5 minute intervals throughout the dance ~ you will be briefed on what is needed just before the performance.

Concession:

Volunteers are still needed. We only have two ~ please email if you can help.

Parent / Teacher Conferences (Oct. 26 to 28th)

Please call in or stop by the school office to set up a conference time with your child(ren)'s teacher(s). Parent / Teacher conferences will be held October 26th to 28th after school. We welcome this opportunity to communicate with parents and hope to conference with everyone!



Welcome to New Staff and Student Teachers

There are 4 teachers who have been working as 'Teachers On Call' in our school who we can now confirm as successful applicants for these positions. Welcome to **Angela Davidson** (Room 7, Grade 1 & 2), **Carmen Fletcher** (.5 teacher in Room 2, Grade 3 & 4), **Roo Whetstone** (Kindergarten & Literacy) and **Mandy Thirlwell** (Physical Education).

We'd also like to welcome two student teachers from Vancouver Island University's Teacher Education Program: **Kate MacPherson**, working in Ms. Kortas' room, and **Courtney Poulin**, working in Mrs. Craig's room. Ms. MacPherson and Ms. Poulin are in Year 4 of their program and will be visiting and teaching periodically throughout the school year.

FIRE PREVENTION ASSEMBLY

Nanoose Bay Elementary had a visit from the **Nanoose Bay Volunteer Fire Department** this week. They arrived in a fire truck and several classes had a chance to have a quick 'tour' of the fire fighting equipment. Nanoose Bay Volunteer Fire Fighters spoke at our whole school assembly. Fire Safety booklets are going home with our primary students today.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

World Teacher's Day – October 5th

International Walk To School Week – October 5-9th

Please check the Community News and events link (second tab on the left side) of the School District Website www.sd69.bc.ca for updated community news. Community activities and events will be added to this web link continually through the school year.

RDN Recreation and Parks Programs - Register online and view program details at www.rdn.bc.ca or call them at 250-248-3252 or 250-752-5014.